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HOPE FOR TRANSFERS.

THE FRANCHISE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MAKES AN INTERESTING REPORT.

Public Service Corporation Officials Hold Out Promises of Better Things in the Way of Street Railway Transportation—The Essex Cross Railway Likely to be Built—The Council Keeps the Franchise Application Alive.

Councilman Moore, Chairman of the Legal and Franchise Committee of the Town Council, made an interesting report Monday night on the subject of street railways. Mr. Moore said that he had talked with Manager Dunn of the Public Service Corporation on matters pertaining to the operation of street railways here in Bloomfield, and Mr. Dunn held out promises of some desirable improvements here. The reason that the Town Council's request for safety appliances known as gutters on the trolley wires of the Orange and Passaic Valley line at the Lackawanna crossing on Glenwood Avenue was not complied with was due to the fact that when the request was made the negotiations for a change in the ownership of the line were under way, but now that the question was settled the Public Service Corporation would immediately attend to the work of putting up the safety appliances.

The Public Service Corporation requested permission to move the location of one of the poles along the Orange and Passaic Valley line opposite Mr. De Camp's residence. The request was granted and the Road Committee will have supervision of the work.

Mr. Moore made the usual motion that he has offered at every regular meeting of the Council for several months past to the effect that action on the franchise application of the Essex Cross Railway Company be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Farrand asked Mr. Moore if he had learned anything of the plans of the Essex Cross Railway Company. Mr. Moore replied that he had heard nothing officially from the company, but he had reason to believe that another attempt would be made to secure a franchise through East Orange, if not by the Essex Company, by some other parties who would take up the matter, and it was the opinion, he said, of one of the Public Service Corporation officials that the road would eventually be built as there was a popular demand for it both in and outside of East Orange.

Mr. Moore expressed the opinion that it was good policy to keep the application alive, as he believed that when the road was built it would prove beneficial to this town. His motion to defer action on the application was carried. Councilman Harrison voting in the negative.

At the meeting of the Orange City Council Monday night President Thomas N. McCarter of the Public Service Corporation sent a letter acknowledging the receipt of certain resolutions passed by the Council, and stated that he would reply "more formally at a later date." The resolutions referred to the question of transfers from the Orange and Bloomfield line to the Orange and Newark cars.

Feudal Domestic Relation.

Stanley Yoskey of Mill Street was committed to the county jail by Recorder Post in the police court Sunday morning on a charge of assault and battery upon his wife. Yoskey came home intoxicated, it was alleged, and because the woman did not have his dinner ready took the iron framework from a baby carriage and beat her over the head and body unmercifully. Mrs. Yoskey in attempting to escape the blows started to run downstairs, and, according to her story he kicked her, causing her to fall to the hallway below. By this time a number of the neighbors came in and held Yoskey a prisoner until Policeman McKane arrived.

The woman was so badly hurt that Dr. J. G. Shaut, who had been summoned, said that she would be laid up for several days. Before sending the prisoner to jail Recorder Post told him that a whipping-post would be the proper punishment for him.

Mr. Yoskey holds peculiar views on the question of woman's rights. He is evidently under the impression that the marriage contract places a woman in the position of a chattel to her husband, and when Chief of Police Collins asked him why he struck his wife, he appeared to be astonished at the absurdity of the question, and his answer was "Why did I hit her? Why, who else had a better right to hit? She is my wife."

A Long Trip.

Miss Emily V. Burnett of the Maples, Island Avenue, left this week for an extended visit to her brother Major William Burnett of Lethbridge, Alberta, W. T. She will return about October 1, by way of Vancouver and San Francisco.

MR. OLMSTED HEARD FROM

He Claims that the Linden Avenue Work is All Right—The Measurements for Grading, Cobble Gutters, Curb Stone and Flagstone He Maintains are Correct—He Wants to Meet with the Property-owners, the Council and the Board of Assessors.

A. H. Olmsted of the firm of Olmsted & Barclay, town engineers, was present at the Town Council meeting Monday night for the purpose of answering any questions that might be asked about the Linden Avenue improvement work, and also desired an opportunity to refute some of the statements made about irregularities in the manner of doing the improvement work and the amount of material used.

Mr. Olmsted is now employed out of town and he travelled a long distance and put himself to much inconvenience to be present at Monday night's meeting of the Council. The Linden Avenue property-owners were also largely represented at the meeting and the occasion was an opportune one for a general discussion of the Linden Avenue work.

Charles W. Powers invited such a discussion by an inquiry as to the progress made by the Sidewalk Committee in the Linden Avenue case.

Chairman Peterson replied to the inquiry and said that the Sidewalk Committee was at work in the matter and would make an early report. From comments made the day following the Council meeting both Mr. Olmsted and the property-owners were disappointed over the failure of the Sidewalk Committee to make some kind of a report Monday night that would have afforded a basis of discussion.

Mr. Olmsted was interviewed Monday by several of the Linden Avenue property-owners, and he maintained that the charges for material used on the street, the charges for grading and trees removed were all correct, and that no irregularities could be found. Mr. Olmsted took issue with certain of the property-owners who claimed that the members of the Board of Assessors were the parties who had discovered and pointed out the alleged deficiencies in the material charged for as used and in the number of cubic feet of grading charged for, and other alleged irregularities in the report of the engineer. Mr. Olmsted was inclined to believe that certain of the property-owners had made these serious allegations either in a fit of anger or through a misunderstanding of the report. Mr. Olmsted is, of course, mistaken in his view of the matter and does an injustice to the Linden Avenue property-owners.

Some of the Linden Avenue property-owners are also unjustly criticizing the Town Council in charging that the matter is being held up until the present excitement subsides.

It is time that the Linden Avenue matter was disposed of. The longer it is delayed now the more cause is given for suspicious and unjust criticisms. Some of the property-owners are now talking of carrying the case to the courts, and if the matter is much longer delayed some such step may be taken.

That Busy Burglar.

The burglar known in police circles as "the man with the small hand," visited Orange and East Orange again during the past week and gained entrance to dwellings, in the same manner that he got into Dr. H. E. Richards' house and other houses in this town and Glen Ridge. In East Orange he got into the residence of George Babcock in Park avenue and stole a number of small articles.

The thief who makes a specialty of boring into door panels and then unhooking the door, revisited Orange Thursday night and entered two houses. At the residence of William Barr, No. 70 Berkeley avenue, he was unable to get anything as all valuables had been put away on the second floor. He also visited the residence of Colonel Heman Dowd, at No. 76 Berkeley avenue, and here he took a sterling silver inkstand, a plated silver fern dish and a hammered copper tea kettle and lamp.

Golf at Glen Ridge.

Play for the July cups was begun by the Glen Ridge Golf Club Saturday with the qualifying round in the morning and match play in the afternoon. Those who qualified were: J. C. Wilson, 97; W. A. Slayback, 101; W. B. Broughton, 103; Robert Mitchell, 104; T. G. Smith, 105; G. E. Oberman, 106; F. G. Baldwin, 109; G. E. Andrews, 111; K. V. Howland, 113; G. P. Lester, 117; W. P. Braven, 118; L. S. Haskell, 118; W. B. Seymour, 120; H. Bradford, 129; W. B. Lawson, 136; J. D. Gallagher, 136; H. S. Chapman, 136.

Class A—Smith beat Wilson 2 up, 1 to go; Oberman beat Slayback by default; Broughton beat Wallace 3 up, 2 to go; Baldwin beat Mitchell 2 up. Class B—Andrews beat Seymour 4 up, 2 to go; Howland beat Bradford 5 up, 4 to go; Lester beat Lawson by default; Gallagher beat Deaver 4 up; Chapman beat Haskell 4 up.

TO TUNNEL THE MOUNTAIN.

THE ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY PLANS IMPORTANT EXTENSION OF THE GREENWOOD LAKE BRANCH.

Work, it is said, will soon commence on the Tunnel Through the Mountains—A Short and Direct Route to Points in Morris County—May Possibly Extend South to Trenton.

A large force of men are at work on the extension of the Whippany River Railroad from Whippany to Essex Falls, at which latter place connection will be made with the Caldwell branch of the Greenwood Lake Railroad, a part of the Erie Railroad system. Richard McEwen, who is building the extension, is prosecuting the work with all possible dispatch and expects to have it completed in the course of a few months, notwithstanding the fact that two bridges will have to be built, one across the Whippany and the other over the Passaic River, and the further fact that not a little of the new right-of-way is over low, marshy ground, entailing considerable additional labor. A good part of the roadbed from Whippany to Hanover Neck is already completed.

While the extension is being built by Mr. McEwen, and, like the Whippany River Railroad, will be owned by him, there is considerable speculation as to the part the extension will play in railroad affairs. It certainly will open up new territory for the Erie Railroad, and it is said by one closely identified with the McEwen interests that, while the new road will remain their property, it will be operated by the Erie as a new line into Morristown, where connection will be made with the Rockaway Valley Railroad, which line is also, it is said, to be brought within the Erie's sphere of influence.

While the Caldwell branch of the Greenwood Lake Railroad now runs all "around Robin Hood's barn" to connect with the main line, there are prospects of the construction in the near future of a much more direct line to Montclair, from which town the Greenwood Lake gives good service to New York. Years ago there was a direct line surveyed from Montclair to Verona and Caldwell, it being proposed to tunnel through the mountain between Montclair and Verona. Work on the tunnel was commenced, but was afterwards abandoned. This line has recently been resurveyed and inspected by engineers said to have been in the employ of the Erie Railroad. Should the Whippany River Railroad, together with the extension now in course of construction and the Rockaway Valley Railroad both be operated in connection with the Erie Railroad, it will mean a whole lot to this section, and, more especially to Morristown. Moreover, it will eventually open a way for the Erie to reach Trenton, a line having some years ago been surveyed from Whitehouse, the present terminus of the Rockaway Valley Railroad, to Trenton.

Trolley Collision.

An eastbound trolley car on the Orange and Passaic Valley Railway going thirty miles an hour collided with a truck on which was Charles Colburn of Oak Street East Orange late Friday night. The accident occurred at Broad and Franklin Streets. Colburn was thrown off and buried under the front of the car. The motorman, James Coffey, was pinned against the inside of the car. After considerable difficulty both men were extricated from their perilous positions and taken to the Mountsinai Hospital, Montclair. There it was found that Colburn had severe cuts upon his head and was badly bruised. He left the hospital Sunday.

Coffey, however, was not so fortunate. He was badly bruised about the legs, and is thought to be injured internally.

Travel was delayed an hour by the accident. The car and truck were both badly damaged. The truck was loaded with gas pipes.

Street Lights Wanted.

Councilman Chabot was the innocent cause of precipitating a deluge of street lighting petitions Monday night upon the Street Lighting Committee of the Town Council. Mr. Chabot presented a petition from Delaware Avenue residents asking that one light be placed in that street. This petition reminded Mr. Moore of a similar one from Berkeley Place property-owners, and he urged the consideration of it upon the Street Lighting Committee.

Councilman Harrison reminded the Street Lighting Committee of a long-standing petition from West Passaic Avenue people for lights on that street. Councilman Walker also urged East Passaic Avenue claims for lights.

The Delaware Avenue and Berkeley Place petitions were referred to the Street Lighting Committee with power, and the West Passaic Avenue and East Passaic Avenue petitions were referred for investigation and report.

NEW FREIGHT YARD.

THE LACKAWANNA RAILROAD HAS PLANNED AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT HERE.

The Property Recently Purchased by the Company to be Utilized for a Freight Yard—The Freight Station will be Located There—Freight Business for Three Stations will be Combined.

The Lackawanna Railroad Company recently made an extensive addition to its property holdings in this town by purchasing a part of the Watsessing Lake property. This latest purchase gives the company a large tract of land south of Conger street east of the tracks. Surveyors from the engineering department of the railroad company have recently been doing considerable surveying at that point.

President Sutphen of the Board of Trade, at the meeting of that body last week, made a statement that explains the purpose of the company's real estate purchases and the activity of the engineering department. Mr. Sutphen said that his information came from President Truesdale direct, and was part of a conversation relative to improvements in this town by the Lackawanna Company. The company proposes to fill in the land on which the coal trestle now stands and establish a freight yard south of Conger street. The present freight station opposite the passenger depot will be abandoned and a large freight house erected in the new yard. Several side tracks will be run into the new yard. The coal trestle will not be abandoned, but will be moved farther eastward towards Second River.

The large amount of dirt that will be necessary for this extensive filling will be brought from Rossville, where a deep depression of the railroad tracks is now being carried out.

The freight business on the Bloomfield branch of the Lackawanna has increased enormously of late years and the present facilities for taking care of the business are inadequate. The freight business of three stations is concentrated at Glenwood avenue station and with the increase in the number of factories along the railroad the freight business will continue to increase. The proposed freight yard will be a matter of much importance to this town, and may lead to the bringing about of a much desired convenience, namely, a street across the lake property.

Base-ball.

To those who like to see heavy hitting and much base running in a game of base-ball the game on the Arlington Avenue grounds Fourth of July afternoon between the Watsessing Club and the Morrocos of New York was an enjoyable one. The New Yorkers did not play up to their usual standard and made several bad errors. Rodenback, second base man for the Morrocos, carried off the honors with two three-base hits. Flynn, the Morrocos' pitcher, was hit often, while Durning for the Watsessings struck out five men. Watsessing took the heart out of the Morroco team in the first inning, getting in five runs to their opponents' none. The Morrocos did likewise in the third inning, after which the runs were made one or two at a time. The batteries were Durning and Call for the Watsessings and Flynn and Mahoney for the Morrocos. The attendance was over 1,200. The score was as follows:

WATSESSING		R	H	E	P	O	A	E
F. Ferguson, p.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
H. Bacher, 3b.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
A. Duley, 1b.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Elliott, 2b.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
C. Duley, 1b.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Call, c.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Mahoney, c.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Conners, 1b.	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Totals	11	37	35	3				

MORROCO P. C.		R	H	E	P	O	A	E
Smith, 1b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Prior, 1b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Rodenback, 3b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Henry, 1b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Marshall, 1b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Phillips, 1b.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Flattersman, c.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Mahoney, c.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Flynn, p.	2	1	0	3	4	2		
Totals	11	9	24	10	1			

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Watsessing..... 3 1 0 1 2 0 3 11
Morroco P. C..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3
Earned runs—Watsessing 4, Morroco 3. Two-base hits—Bacher, Elliott, Rodenback 2. First base on errors—Watsessing 4, Morroco 3. Struck batters—Watsessing 3, Morroco 2. Passed balls—Call, Mahoney. Wild pitches—Durning, Flynn. Bases on balls—Off Flynn 1. Hit by pitched ball—By Durning 1. Flynn 2. Sacrifices—Watsessing 1. Struck out—By Durning 5, by Flynn 1. Left on bases—Watsessing 11, Morroco 4. Double plays—Bacher, Elliott, A. Duley. Umpire—Mr. Bayhurst. Time—26. Score—Watsessing 11, Morroco 3.

This afternoon the Watsessing Club will play at Millburn and on Saturday, July 18, will play the Celluloid Club of Newark on the Arlington Avenue grounds.

The Watsessing Juniors defeated the Young Men's Christian Association team Saturday morning on the Arlington Avenue grounds by a score of 6 to 3.

The class of 1901, Bloomfield High School, held a reunion in the Brookside gymnasium Thursday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

INCIDENT TO THE FOURTH.

Several Accidents Due to Premature Discharge of Explosives—George Merkle of Thomas Street Crippled for Life—His Hand Blown Off by the Discharge of a Cannon Cracker.

The celebration of Independence Day was as usual resultant of several accidents occasioned by the careless handling or premature discharge of explosives. The most serious accident in connection with the celebration of the Fourth in this town occurred on Friday night of last week at Watsessing Centre, and the victim, George Merkle of No. 14 Thomas street, is in the Orange Memorial Hospital, and may come out of that institution deprived of his entire left hand; as it is now the major part of his hand is amputated. Merkle with others was having a good time Friday night shooting off fire crackers. Shortly after eleven o'clock he went to a local fireworks dealer and purchased two of the largest fire crackers in the store. His intention was to put them under the chairs occupied by two men who were sitting on a hotel stoop. He ignited one of the fire crackers and was stealthily pushing it between the pickets of the railing about the hotel stoop when it exploded in his hand. The explosion shattered his hand completely. The thumb was torn off and also the little finger and part of the third finger.

He ran into the hotel and called for help. Charles Nicolai, a department foreman at the Sprague Electric Works, and for whom Merkle worked, was one of the first to go to the wounded man's aid. Mr. Nicolai saw at once that it was a terrible injury and that a physician was needed. An attempt was made to reach a doctor by telephone but without success. Finally Mr. Nicolai went to Dr. Frank W. Lockwood's house and brought him over. Dr. Lockwood immediately pronounced it a case for hospital attention, and the Mountsinai Hospital was telephoned to but the reply came back that there was no room there as the surgical ward was filled with accident cases. The Mountsinai Hospital people asked Mr. Nicolai to see if the man could not be taken to the Memorial Hospital in Orange. The latter institution consented to receive him and he was conveyed there in Mr. Petrie's wagon. Mr. Nicolai and another party stayed all night at the hospital with the injured man. Merkle is a married man and besides his wife four small children are dependent upon him for support. Friends are now engaged in planning measures for the relief of Merkle's family.

Other minor accidents on the Fourth were as follows: Edith Ashbey, seven years old, of Ashland Avenue, was struck in the right leg by a bullet Saturday afternoon while playing near her home. Who fired the shot was not discovered. Ethel Brown, eight years old, was badly burned about the face while playing near her home. The premature discharge of a blank cartridge pistol in the hands of a little boy was the cause. George Weston, six years old, of Washington Street, had his legs badly burned and lacerated by the explosion of a firecracker.

George W. Fornoff's Funeral.

Funeral services over the remains of George W. Fornoff were held in the Park Avenue German Presbyterian Church, of which he was a deacon, on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Remie J. Buttlinghaus, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. H. C. Grubert, of Orange, Rev. Frederick Stoebner, of Jamaica, N. Y., Rev. Henry W. Selbert, of Newark, and Rev. Richard Lange, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The K. W. V. Friedenshafts Bund, a sick benefit society of which deceased was a member, attended in a body.

Among the numerous floral pieces was one from the firm of Thomas Oakes & Co., by whom the deceased had been employed for forty-one years.

The elders and trustees of the church acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Fornoff was 77 years of age. He died at his home No. 17 Maple street, Sunday afternoon, from a complication of diseases after an illness of several weeks. Three daughters and one son survive him.

A Good Proposition.

Mr. Leopold Bloch and some other local business men, think that business men's holiday could be devoted to some practical purpose and that the local business men should get together and discuss the matter. One of Mr. Bloch's suggestions is that the business men plan an excursion or picnic to be run under the auspices of the local business men and any excess in receipts over expenses be devoted to charitable purposes of some kind, such as the Mountsinai Hospital.

The latest and most artistic specimens of glassware of all kinds for wedding gifts may be seen at the Dorrington Glass Store, 3 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, and 35 Murray Street, New York.—Advt.

TOWN COUNCIL.

HELD A BUSY AND IMPORTANT SESSION MONDAY NIGHT.

Important Recommendations of the Finance Committee—Petitions for Water Mains—Belleville Boundary Line Dispute Still Unsettled—Conference Over Fire Houses.

The Town Council meeting held Monday night was largely attended. Some of those present came because they thought there would be a reopening of some of the license cases. They were mistaken. Linden Avenue property-owners were largely represented, but their street matter was not taken up for discussion.

Halsey M. Barrett appeared before the Council on behalf of Plymouth Street property-owners and asked that the Council pass a resolution for the laying of a water main in that street. Several people, Mr. Barrett said, wanted to build houses in the street and were delayed in doing so from the lack of water facilities. The matter was referred to the Water Committee.

Councilman Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, said that the matter would receive immediate attention from his committee, but he could not speak for the water company. A request made by the Council to the water company several months ago for an additional hydrant at the Cream Separator Company's plant had as yet met with no response from the water company.

Clerk Johnson announced one objection received in the Jerome Place hearing. The objector claimed that the roadway was too flat, and the charge for material and work done was excessive. The objection was referred to the Road Committee.

Councilman Farrand of the Fire Committee reported that in conference with Chief Higgins the Fire Committee had decided to recommend 500 feet of fire hose and to expend \$60 in repairs to the fire alarm.

Councilman Conlan of the Finance Committee submitted the report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of June, and also recommended that \$760 be paid on the Morton Street sewer note. Councilman Conlan also presented the surety company bond of Tax Collector Frank Foster. The bond was approved by the Finance Committee and accepted by the Council.

Councilman Chabot of the Maps and Surveys Committee made a progress report on the matter of the disputed boundary line between this town and Belleville.

Councilman Moore of the Sidewalk Committee reported that the sidewalk at Berkeley Avenue bridge had been repaired, and repairs were also made to the sidewalk at Bay Avenue bridge. Chief of Police Collins reported twenty-eight arrests during the month of June, and \$58.50 collected in fines.

The report of the Board of Assessors stating the amount of the assessment levied for the Charles Street sewer and the Delaware Avenue grading was read by the Clerk, and Monday evening August 3, fixed as the date for a hearing.

Mr. Van Wagener appeared before the Council and requested that some action be taken to relieve his Washington Place property from the nuisance and damage caused by the flooding of the property by the water flowing and accumulating there from other streets. There was formerly an outlet for the water under the Lackawanna Railroad, but with the filling up of the land on the west side of the track the outlet was closed. The matter was referred to the Sewer Committee for investigation and report.

On motion of Councilman Moore of the Maps and Surveys Committee was authorized to have the boundary line between the borough of Glen Ridge and this town surveyed across Edgewood Road and a monument stone placed there. The work, it was stated would cost about \$50, and it was anticipated that the borough would pay half the expense. Councilman Conlan objected to the expenditure and an animated discussion over the necessity of the work ensued between Messrs. Moore and Conlan.

The resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of the Board of Trade relative to a municipal building were read by the Clerk and received by the Council. At the conclusion of the regular routine business the members of the Council at the request of Mr. Farrand held a conference on the question of erecting fire houses.

New Telephones.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company reports the following new subscribers: 133-b, Rev. Chas. R. Woodruff, 20 Park Street; 133-a, Jan. D. Moore, M. D., 37 State Street; 61-f, Wm. A. Hartley, 630 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge.